

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 1, 2022)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Eric Colvin

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Todd B. Morgan

Commissioner John E. O'Connor

David Weiskopf, County Attorney, Acting County Administrator

ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:04 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of January 25, 2022, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. African American History Month
- B. Dating Violence Prevention Month
- C. Transit Equity Day 2022

3. COMMENDATION

A commendation was presented to Norine Rowe for her Retirement.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Public Hearing - Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map to change the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map category from Rural Preservation to Residential Mixed-use and Zoning Map from Rural Preservation to Residential Mixed-use for the properties located at 23595 Pike Lane and 23556 Three Notch Road, Hollywood.

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:32 a.m.

Present: William B. Hunt, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management

Notice of the Public Hearing was published on January 14 and January 21, 2022. This public hearing was for the purpose of receiving public comment on proposed changes to the Comprehensive Lane Use Map from Rural Preservation to Residential Mixed-use and Zoning Map from Rural Preservation to Residential Mixed-use for the properties located at 23595 Pike Lane and 23556 Three Notch Road, Hollywood.

Commissioner President Guy requested David Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Public Comments given by:

Chris Longmore, 22738 Maple Road #210, Lexington Park, MD

Mr. Weiskopf closed the public hearing for public comment and noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at approximately 9:45 a.m.

5. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND - State of the College

Present: Dr. Maureen Murphy, President

Dr. Murphy provided an overview of the College of Southern Maryland. Topics included the impact of COVID- 19 on enrollment, the strategic plan for the College, and the St. Mary's County Commissioners Care Scholarship. She also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

B. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND - State of the College

Present: Tuajuanda C. Jordan, President
Charles C. Jackson, Government Relations Liaison

An overview of St. Mary's College was presented. Topics included enrollment, the Learning Through Experiential and Applied Discovery Initiative (LEAD), Covid-19 response, events and entertainment provided to the community, and the new academic building with an auditorium.

6. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support for HB 184/SB 229 – Environment – On-Farm Composting Facilities – Permit Exemption to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second NONE.

Motion Failed

MOTION 2: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support for SB 296 - Land Use – Agritourism – Definition to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 3: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition for SB 268/HB 387 - Pesticide Regulation – Transfer to Department of the Environment to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 4: I move to support SB 378 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Funding for Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission and approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 5: I move to oppose SB 56 - Program Open Space - Local Plans and Programs - General Assembly Approval and approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 6: I move to support HB 177 177 - 9-1-1 Registry Program - Autism and Other Special Needs – Established and approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 7: I move to oppose SB 250/ HB 325 - State and Local Procurement – Payment Practices and approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 8 AND 15, 2022.

B. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - EMS Staffing Update

Present: Stephen Walker, Director

An update on the staffing for various Rescue Squads in St. Mary's County and EMS Billing was provided.

C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Ambulance Staffing Proposal

I move to approve the Department of Emergency Services request for the proposal to purchase an ambulance and provide staffing at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in partnership with the State of Maryland and Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and authorize the Commissioners President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Establish "Multi-Way Stop" at South Coral Drive intersection with Lei Drive

I move to adopt the Ordinance establishing the designation of the Multi-Way Stop at the intersection of South Coral Drive and Lei Drive and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund Grant Application

I move to approve and authorize the Department of Public Works and Transportation to submit a grant application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for Emergency Coastal Resilience funding in support of the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum Shore Erosion project.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - American Rescue Grant Update

I move to accept changes to the American Rescue plan as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

8. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Catherine Pratson, Acting Co-County Administrator
David Weiskopf, Acting Co-County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 12:32 p.m. - 12:43 p.m.
Location: Commissioners Meeting Room
Purpose: To discuss strategy for potential Litigation.

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Catherine Pratson, Acting Co-County Administrator
David Weiskopf, Acting Co-County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 12:44 p.m. - 12:47 p.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment, promotion, resignation, salary, demotion, dismissal, reprimand or appointment of a member of a public agency or employee.

C. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 12:47 a.m. - 1:03 p.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment, promotion, resignation, salary, demotion, dismissal, reprimand or appointment of a member of a public agency or employee.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:03 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 8, 2022.

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

11. PUBLIC HEARING

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor (Via Zoom)

David Weiskopf, County Attorney, Acting County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Public Hearing - Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map for property located at 29871 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, to change the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map category from Mixed-use Moderate Intensity and Residential Mixed-use to entirely Mixed-use Moderate Intensity and Zoning Map of the split-zoned property from Residential Mixed-use and Town Center Mixed-use to entirely Town Center Mixed-use.

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Present: William B. Hunt, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management

Notice of the Public Hearing was published on January 14 and January 21, 2022. This public hearing was for the purpose of receiving public comment on proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map for property located at 29871 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall.

Commissioner President Guy requested David Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Video Presentation given by:

Carolyn Curtis, 29849 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD

Public Comments given by:

Chris Longmore, 22738 Maple Road #210, Lexington Park, MD

Mary Chambers, 235 Point Lane, Solomons, MD

Stephen Jarboe, P.O. Box 115, Charlotte Hall, MD

Carolyn Curtis, 29849 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD

Joan Waters, 29861 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD

Michael McCauley, 29576 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD

Ignatius Thomas, 29843 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD

Jill Waters, 29849 Charlotte Hal Road, Charlotte Hall, MD

Jean Adams, 29875 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD

Donald Curtis, 38235 Thomas Lane, Mechanicsville, MD

Mr. Weiskopf closed the public hearing for public comment and noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at approximately 8:02 p.m.